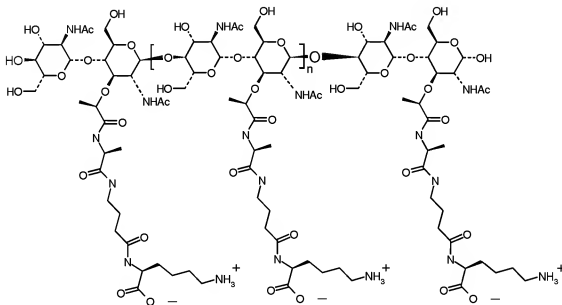


Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 5 within the following amended paragraph:

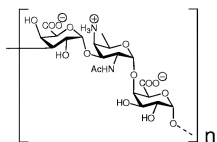
Accordingly, in one aspect, the present invention provides a synthetic polymeric antigen having the structure shown in Formula I:



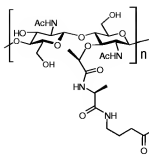
wherein n is an integral in the range of from about 375 to about 75,
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 2 within the following amended paragraph:

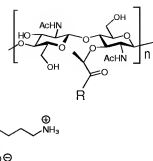
The structures of CP1, synthetic PG (Compound 15), and a generalized synthetic polymeric antigen (SPA) are shown below:



CP1



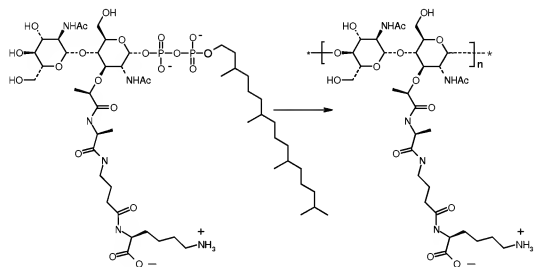
PG



SPA

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 49, line 1 within the following amended paragraph:

Synthetic Peptidoglycan



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